

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Bakshi, et al.

Serial No.: 09/990,499 (Case No. 20385YDA)

Filed: November 21, 2001

Entitled: SUBSTITUTED PIPERIDINES AS  
MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS

Art Unit:  
1625

Examiner:  
D. Margaret  
Seaman

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement dated June 10, 2003, for which a response is due by July 10, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the species defined by Example 2 on page 75 of the specification in confirmation of the oral telephonic election made with Examiner Seaman on June 23, 2003.

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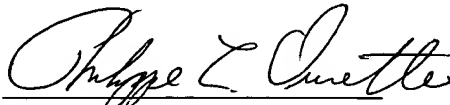
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